

WA College Grant Update

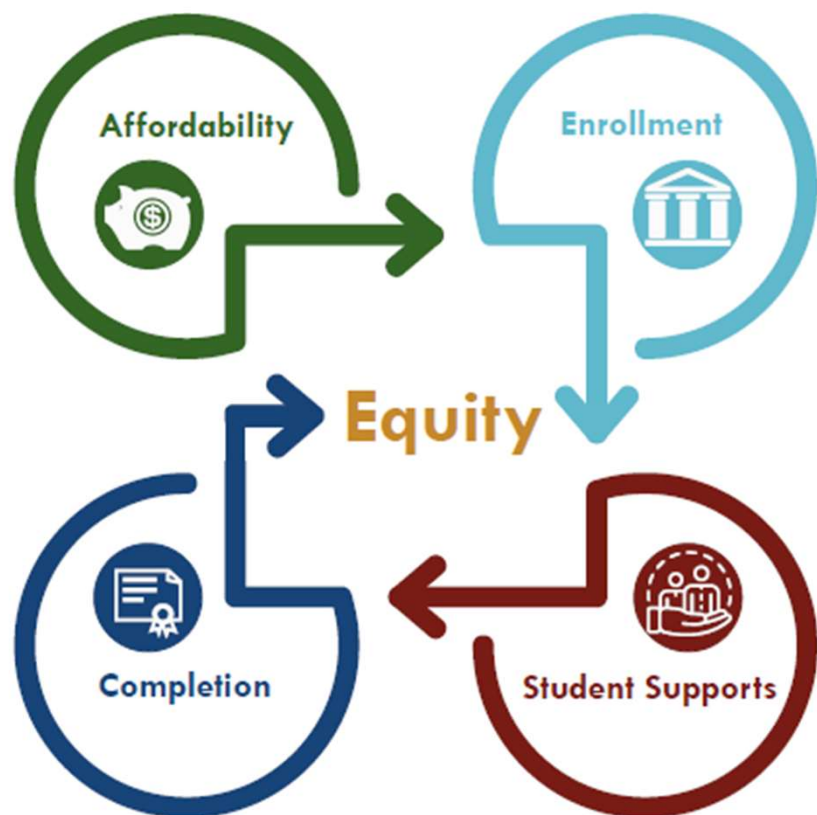
Washington Student Achievement Council

Michael Meotti, Executive Director





Strategic Framework to Meet Attainment Goal



If we build an **affordable** and **supportive** educational environment, more Washington residents will **enroll** in and **complete** a credential-bearing program.

Equity is the intentional process of undoing racism and other systemic oppressions designed to marginalize communities and perpetuate injustice within our society.

WSAC Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee



“the most equity-focused free college program in the country”

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL edtrust.org/resource/a-promise-worth-keeping/. The page features the Education Trust logo and navigation links: Who We Are, What We Do, Our Resources, Our Blogs, and Donate. The main content area includes a quote from Michael P. Meotti, executive director of the Washington Student Achievement Council, praising the Washington College Grant. Below the quote is a section titled "Modeling Equity: The Washington College Grant Program" which discusses the program's equity focus and revenue stream. Further down, a section titled "5 Steps Policymakers Can Take to Ensure Their Free College Programs Advance Equity" is visible, with the first step being "1. Include all students". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 9:16 AM on 10/23/2020.

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“Business, government, and campus leaders stepped up in a big way to create the Washington College Grant. This makes our state the senior partner in the state-federal partnership on grant aid to college students of all ages. If other states want to make the same commitment to their economic future as we’ve made to ours here in Washington, we’d be happy to help.”

— Michael P. Meotti, executive director of the Washington Student Achievement Council

Modeling Equity: The Washington College Grant Program

Out of the 23 free college programs examined in our report, only one meets all of our criteria for an equity-focused program, the **Washington College Grant**. Also unique among statewide free college programs, the Washington College Grant comes with a guaranteed revenue stream: a small new tax on high-revenue employers who benefit from high-skilled workers. This enables Washington to fund every eligible student, even during economic disruptions, while students in other states face free-college waiting lists when funding is tight.

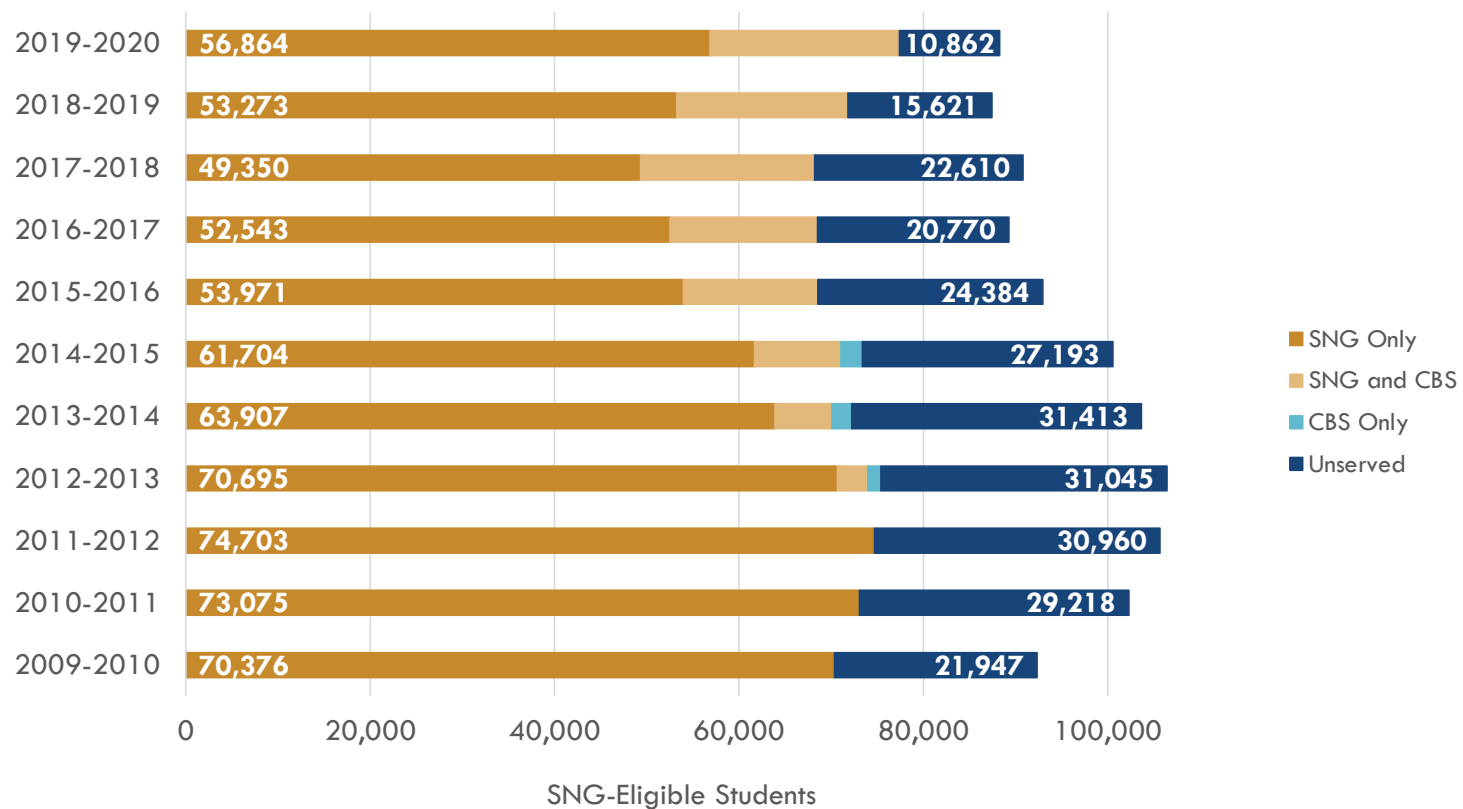
5 Steps Policymakers Can Take to Ensure Their Free College Programs Advance Equity

Since we issued our **2018 report on free college**, the number of free college programs has grown: There are eight more active programs and four more proposed programs. However, free college programs still have a long way to go to make college affordable for all students from low-income backgrounds. Below are five steps policymakers can take to ensure they are using free college policies to advance equity in their states:

1. Include all students



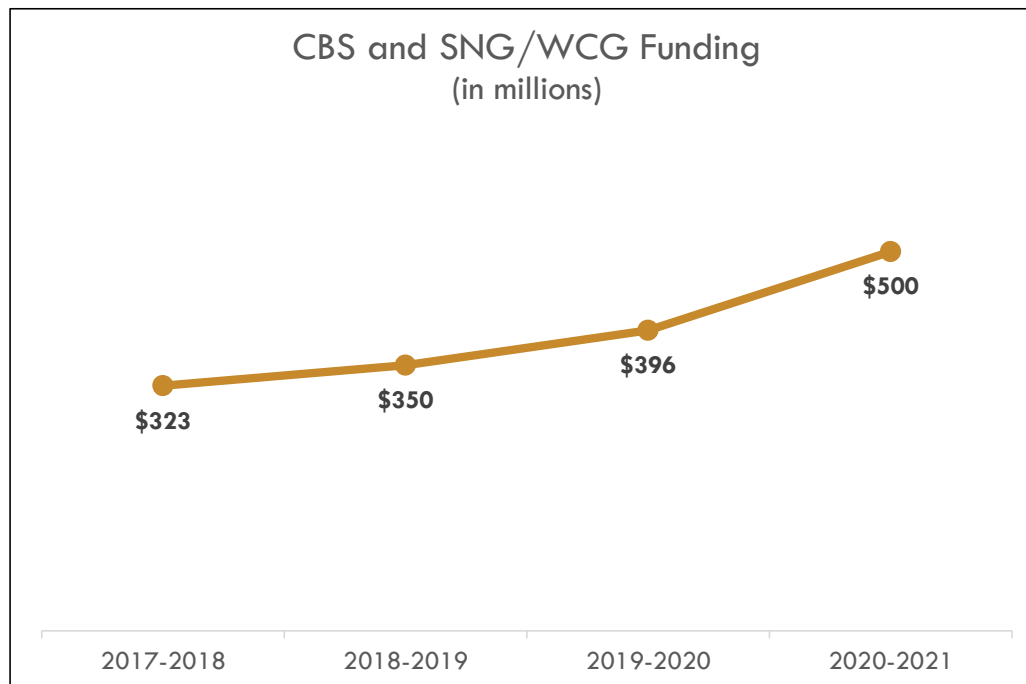
State Need Grant service levels



Source: WSAC staff analysis of Interim Report



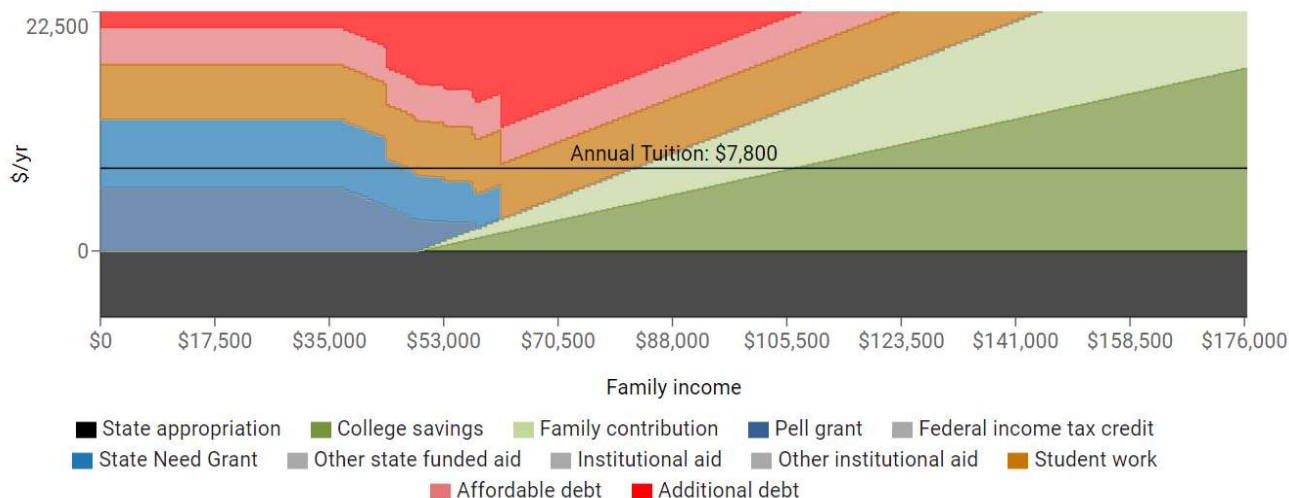
Increased Funding for CBS and WCG



Source: WSAC staff analysis of budget office enacted budget documents

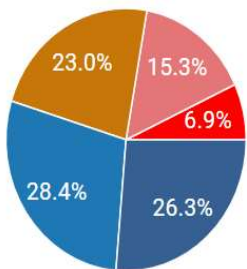


College Affordability Model for State Policy Development



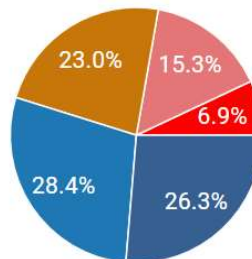
Family income example: \$15,000

Additional debt: \$1,560
Affordable debt: \$3,440
Student work: \$5,180
State Need Grant: \$6,390
Pell grant: \$5,920
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State appropriation: \$6,200



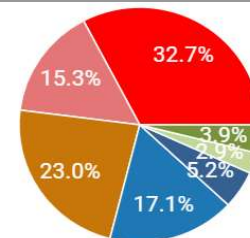
Family income example: \$25,500

Additional debt: \$1,560
Affordable debt: \$3,440
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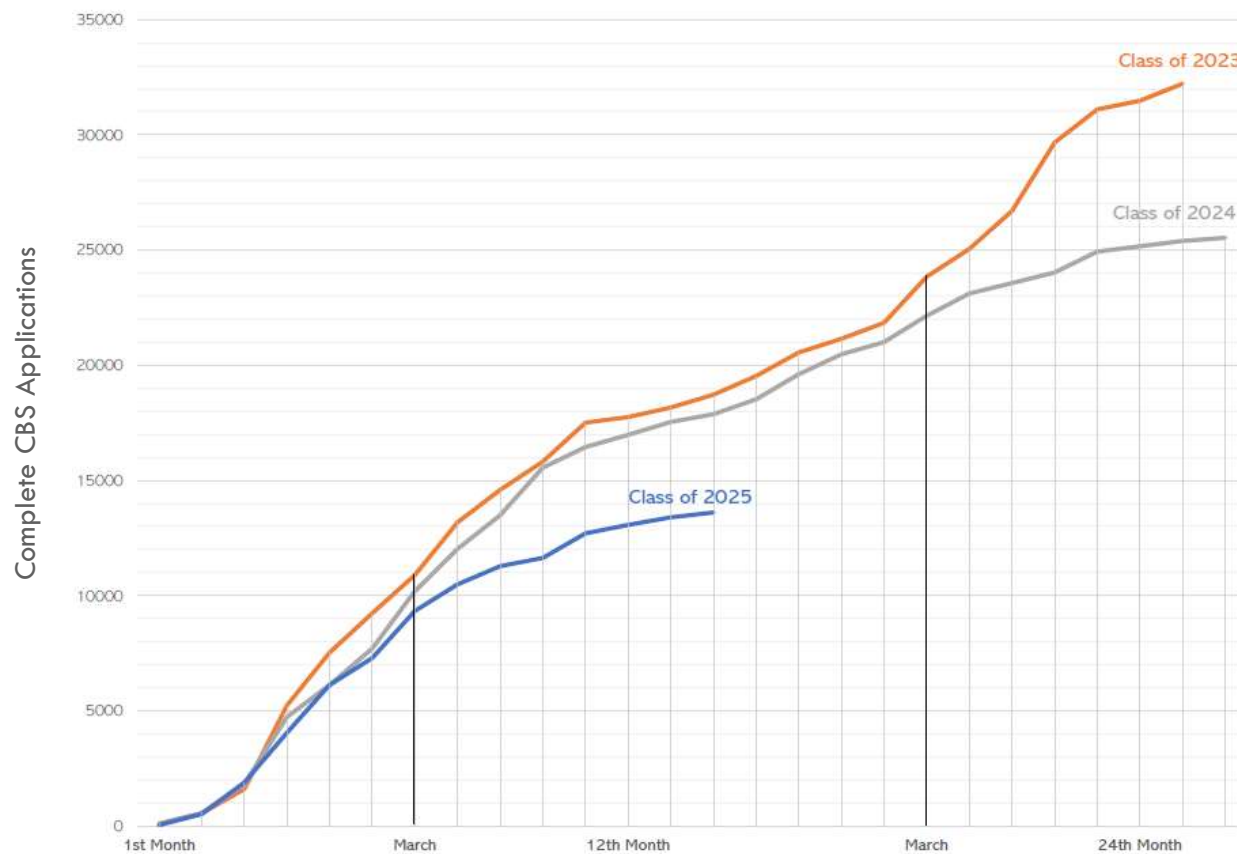
Family income example: \$55,500

Additional debt: \$7,360
Affordable debt: \$3,440
Student work: \$5,180
State Need Grant: \$3,840
Pell grant: \$1,170
 No head count data
Family contribution: \$640
College savings: \$870
State appropriation: \$6,200





Complete CBS Applications Over Expanded 2 Year Cycle, by High School Graduating Class



Source: WSAC staff analysis of College Bound complete applicants by high school graduating class, last updated October 12th, 2020, (Note: the class of 2024 and 2025 are currently in progress, so the last data points for these two graduation classes are not the final numbers for the month)

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